

What is Claimed is:

1. A computer program method for driving a computer processor for use with a graphics display device and for graphically representing, and facilitating a user in configuring, automation equipment, the automation equipment including a support having a plurality of receiving locations as well as a plurality of modules each capable of being coupled to the support in at least one of the receiving locations, the modules comprising the steps of:

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displaying on the display device images representative of the modules and permitting selection of displayed module images; and

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providing a drop procedure to a concealed register that automatically moves said concealed register to the foreground after a variable time interval, and the contents can thus be seen.

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2. The computer program method of claim 1, further comprising the step of moving a mouse cursor over a register of a register dialog once a drop-and-drag action has been initiated, then the register under the mouse cursor is automatically moved to the foreground

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3. The computer program method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing moves the concealed register after a predetermined variable time interval.

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4. The computer program method of claim 1, further comprising the step of making the item visible is initiated just by locating the mouse over the register of the concealed registered dialog.

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5. The computer program method of claim 1, is accomplished during a registered dialog in a single closed handling sequence.

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6. computer program apparatus for driving a computer processor for use with a graphics display device and for graphically representing, and facilitating a user in configuring, automation equipment, the automation equipment including a support having a plurality of receiving locations as well as a plurality of modules each capable of being coupled to the support in at least one of the receiving locations, the modules comprising:

a display device for displaying images representative of the modules and permitting selection of displayed module images; and

5 a drop procedure to a concealed register that automatically moves said concealed register to the foreground after a variable time interval, and the contents can thus be seen.

7. The computer program apparatus of claim 6, further comprising the step of moving a mouse cursor over a register of a register dialog once a  
10 drop-and-drag action has been initiated, then the register under the mouse cursor is automatically moved to the foreground

8. The computer program apparatus of claim 6, wherein the step of  
15 providing moves the concealed register after a predetermined variable time interval.

9. The computer program apparatus of claim 6, wherein the item  
20 visible is initiated just by locating the mouse over the register of the concealed registered dialog.

10. The computer program apparatus of claim 6, wherein the drop  
procedure is accomplished during a registered dialog in a single closed  
handling sequence.